

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-12 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-13 of copending Application No. 10/726,542 in view of the "admitted prior art of the instant disclosure."

This obviousness-type double-patenting rejection was discussed during the telephone conference on May 18, 2006, between Examiner Kastler and Applicants' undersigned representative. In accordance with the provisions of M.P.E.P. § 804(I)(B)(1), page 800-17, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection, which is the only rejection remaining in this application, be withdrawn.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, allowance of the application is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe that any issues remain, it is requested that the undersigned be contacted at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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